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Effective immediately, rape kits will no longer be destroyed without the authorization of the Deputy Chief of Investigations.

On April 24, 2017, Governor Fallén signed Executive Order 2017-11, authorizing the formation of the *Oklahoma Task Force on Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence*, to identify and examine rape kits in need of processing at all agencies across the State. The Governor has ordered that , "Before, during, and after the statewide audit, any and all sexual assault forensic evidence kits currently in possession of any law enforcement agency are to be preserved until such time that the audit is concluded and the law enforcement agency is informed in writing by the Task Force that evidence kits may be disposed of."

This Task Force has been directed to conduct an audit of all rape kits in the State and provide the Attorney General's Office with a written report of the results by December 30, 2017. Once the audit is complete, an inventory will be required of all kits left untested with a written report of explanation to the Governor by July 1, 2018.

In an effort to comply with the Executive Order, rape kits will no longer be destroyed without proper authorization.

Should anyone have any questions, please let me know.

Major Wenzel